

August 30, 2007

Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
236 Massachusetts Avenue NE  
Suite 110  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: WC Docket No. 02-60  
Rural Health Care Pilot Program  
Texas Health Information Network Collaborative– (THINC)

Dear Commissioner:

I am deeply appreciative of the Federal Communications Commission's interest in expanding the capabilities of rural health care delivery and improving the care of all Texans, and wish to give my highest recommendation and support of the Texas Health Information Network Collaborative (THINC) infrastructure proposal.

THINC is a statewide effort encompassing all of Texas and will greatly benefit my senatorial district as well as rural Texas. THINC will allow the rural health care providers to connect with urban medical centers, telehealth programs and services, medical education and other services by making high speed broadband access available, resulting in improved access to care, patient safety and quality, and patient and clinician satisfaction.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the Texas Health Information Network Collaborative's grant application efforts. Please contact me if you would like more information on the medical facilities in my district that would be able to improve patient outcomes and reduce health care costs from this grant award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Hogar", written in a cursive style.

Glenn Hegar

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